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Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 list of thirty-one (31) references submitted for consideration.

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\_\_\_ Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

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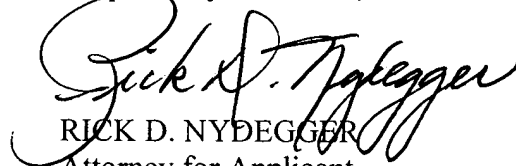
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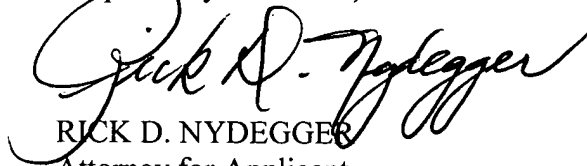
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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